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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/604,122	WOODRUFF ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Allen T. Cao	2627	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16, 18-24, 26, 28-30, 34-42 and 44-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-16, 18-24, 26, 28-30, 34-42 and 44-51 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 52-55 and 57 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 56 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date, _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/24/06</u> | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Woodruff (US. 5,718,339).

Woodruff inherently discloses a method for using a data cartridge magazine in a magazine based data cartridge library having inserting a data cartridge 62 in one of a plurality of accommodating slots (figure 5) comprised by the magazine 60 through an opening (the opening associated with respect to the slots in figure 5) in the magazine wherein the magazine is only capable of receiving the data cartridge from one direction (figure 5); transporting (rotating) the magazine within the library with a magazine transport means (motor 51) adapted to be engaged by a portion of a magazine transport device (hub central drive shaft 50 and the rack mount 110), all as set forth in claim 52.

Regarding claim 53, Woodruff discloses that the closed loop wall comprises two pair of substantially parallel surfaces.

Regarding claim 54, Woodruff discloses that the magazine base is substantially rectangular.

Regarding claim 55, Woodruff discloses that the closed loop wall comprises two pair of substantially rectangular substantially parallel surfaces.

Regarding claim 57, Woodruff discloses a method of extracting the data cartridge from a resting position on the base in an orthogonal extracting direction from the base

through the opening wherein the extracting path is opposite an insertion path in the inserting step (particularly see figures 8, 10 and 15).

3. Claim 56 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 1-16, 18-24, 26, 28-30, 34-42 and 44-51 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-16, 18-24, 26, 28-30, 34-42 and 44-57 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Applicant's amendment (newly added claims 52-57) necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen T. Cao whose telephone number is (571) 272-7569. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs (7:30 - 6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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